

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-18, 23 and 24 are pending in the present Application.

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-18 and 23-24 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10-27 of copending Application No. 09/976,421, now U.S. Patent No. 6,679,983. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer and respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-18 and 23-24 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,531,046. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer and respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-18 and 23-24 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Merricks (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0088713, now U.S. Patent No. 6,660,153). Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Merricks et al. patent names as co-inventors David Merricks, Denis Morrissey, Martin W. Bayes, Mark Lefebvre, James G. Shelnut and Donald E. Storjohann and is assigned to Shipley Company, L.L.C., the same assignee as in the present Application. The present Application names as co-inventors Denis Morrissey, who is a co-inventor of the '153 patent, Jeffrey M. Calvert and Robert D. Mikkola.

Submitted herewith is a declaration of Denis Morrissey, a co-inventor of both the '153 patent and the present Application. In his declaration, Mr. Morrissey states that the presently claimed invention was invented by himself, Jeffrey M. Calvert and Robert D. Mikkola. The other co-inventors of the '153 patent (Drs. Merricks and Bayes, Mr. Lefebvre, Dr. Shelnut and Mr. Storjohann) contributed to the '153 patent in areas other than the use of two or more acids in a copper electroplating bath for repairing seed layers, such as in the area of using a copper electroplating bath comprising copper ions in an amount of up to 10 g/L. Thus, the mixture of two or more acids where at least one is a (C₃-C₆)alkylsulfonic acid disclosed in the '153 patent

was not invented by David Merricks, Martin W. Bayes, Mark Lefebvre, James G. Shelnut and Donald E. Storjohann.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the '153 patent is disqualified as prior art under 35 USC § 102(e) as it is not an invention "by another". See MPEP § 2135. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-18 and 23-24 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Mikkola et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0043468, now U.S. Patent No. 6,682,642). Applicants respectfully traverse.

The '642 patent is assigned to Shipley Company, L.L.C., the same assignee as in the present Application. The '642 patent and the presently claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, under an obligation of assignment to the same entity, Shipley Company, L.L.C. In support of this, Applicants provide herewith copies of the assignment documents in the '642 patent and the present Application (Exhibits A and B) showing both inventions assigned to Shipley Company, L.L.C. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

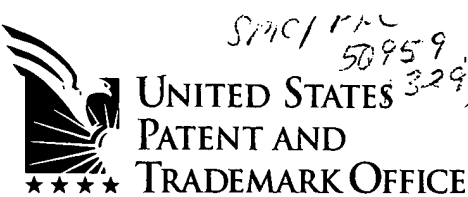
Favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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WHEREAS, Shipley Company, L.L.C., located at 455 Forest Street, Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752, (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same invention, and in and to the said application, and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for the above consideration, the Assignors have assigned and transferred, and do hereby assign and transfer to the Assignee, its successors and assigns, their entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the said invention and in and to the said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, in whole or in part, re-examinations, and extensions thereof, and all applications claiming priority therefrom; and the Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as their interest is concerned, to the Assignee; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all of said Letters Patent for said invention may issue, to the same extent as the Assignors would hold and enjoy if this Assignment had not been made.

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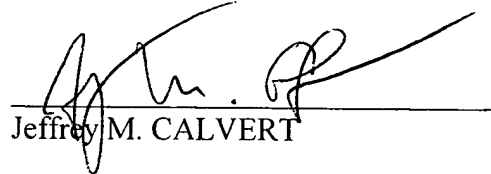
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Dated this 18th day of October, 2001.

Denis MORRISSEY



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Robert D. MIKKOLA

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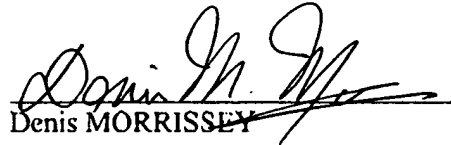
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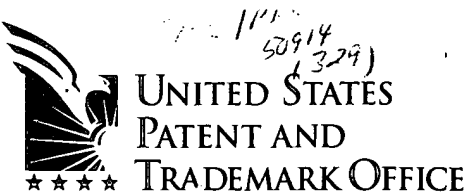

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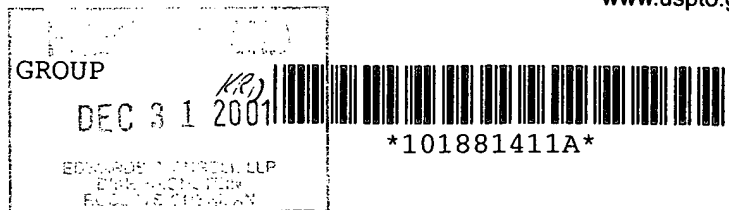


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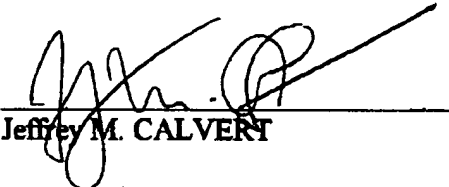
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